

REFUSES TO RAISE PAY OF ASSESSOR

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employers to report the salary lists of persons in their employ.

A virtual attempt to revive the old Wharton law is made by Mr. Rev. of Accomac, and Mr. Williams, of Giles, in their bill to prohibit fire insurance companies from making a combination to control and govern insurance rates.

SENATE

At noon the Senate convened. Rev. J. N. Latham, D. D., of Centenary Methodist Church, began the proceedings with prayer.

A communication was received from the House stating the concurrence of that body in the resolution to provide for the printing in italics of the amending part of each bill.

The several committees reported favorably on Senator Hart's bill enabling wife and husband to testify against each other in certain cases; on Senator Holt's bill relative to compensation to clerks of Justices of the Peace; on Senator Strode's bill with regard to notarial certificates; and on Senator Holt's bill requiring bond of city sergeants. Senator Folkes's bill relative to the reinvestment in the State of the Mount Vernon Association bonds, and Senator Thornton's bill as to chancery commissioners for Fairfax and Backingham counties, were also favorably reported.

Communications from the trustees of the State Normal School, nominating President T. L. Latham, of the State Board of Education, and one from the board of visitors of William and Mary College, nominating Professor T. J. Stubbs for a similar position, were received.

The action of R. E. Lee Camp, No. 1, United Confederate Veterans, requesting that the Battle Abbey site be near the Soldiers' Home was also received.

To Arrange for Inauguration.
Senator Sale, of Norfolk city, offered a joint resolution calling for the appointment of a joint legislative committee to arrange for the inauguration of Governor-Elect Mann. It was adopted.

Senator Folkes, of Richmond city, moved that the Senate Finance Committee be allowed mileage for its sessions here previous to the convening of the Legislature. The motion prevailed.

Secretary Owen presented the message of the Governor, making his report of appointments for the period since the last session of the Legislature, which was read.

Delegate Martin Williams reported the concurrence of the House in the joint resolution calling for the appointment of a select inauguration committee.

Twenty bills were then presented and referred.

President Elyson announced the Senators on the inauguration committee: Sale, of Norfolk city; Holt, of Newport News; Folkes, of Richmond city; Fletcher, of Fauquier; Gunter, of Accomac, and President Pro Tem Echols, of Staunton.

Senator Martin Louisa, asked for and obtained leave of absence for two days for Senator Tucker, of Bedford, and Senator Gunter secured a similar leave for Senator Owen, of Prince Edward.

On motion of Senator Gravatt, of Caroline, the Senate adjourned at 1:55.

HOUSE

When the House met at noon the Committee on Finance got into action, reporting five bills. One of these provides salary arrangements for factories; one requires fire-escapes on all public buildings of more than two stories in height; one refers to the care of children in orphanages; one provides for the licensing and supervision of lying-in hospitals. These bills were

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passed on their first reading and placed on the calendar.

The same action was taken with regard to a bill from the Committee on Courts of Justice making it a misdemeanor to use abusive language regarding a virtuous female, and to a measure from the Committee on Counties, Cities and Towns adding the county of Smyth to those who are allowed four commissioners of the revenue.

Go to Other Committees.
The bill allowing the State Board of Charities to secure information regarding weak-minded persons was reported from the Committee on Asylums and Prisons, and went to the Committee on Finance.

A big bunch of measures were reported from the Committee on Special, Private and Local Legislation, some with the notation that they could be reached by general law. These bills were distributed among other committees.

During the reading of new bills by title a message was received from the Governor by Secretary Owen in notification of the appointment of Judge H. R. Prentiss and of sundry circuit judges. The appointment of Judge Prentiss went to the Joint Committee on Confirmations, while the judges must be elected in joint session of the General Assembly.

Inauguration Committee.
Senator Sale appeared with a joint resolution from the Senate appointing a joint committee to prepare for the inauguration of the incoming Governor and Lieutenant-Governor. It was agreed to, and the speaker appointed Mr. Williams, of Giles; Mr. Snyder, of Amelia; Mr. Baker, of Chesterfield; Mr. Bassett, of Henry; Mr. Harwood, of Richmond; Mr. Latham, of York; Mr. Robinson, of Wythe.

The calendar was the next business, and House bill No. 1 made its appearance. On motion of Mr. Cox, of Richmond, one of its patrons, it was passed by.

House bill No. 2, providing for the institution of a State Board of Veterans, introduced by Mr. Parker, of Portsmouth, was read in full, passed on its second reading, and ordered to be engrossed to be read a third time, which will be done to-day.

Next came House bill No. 3, extending the time for the collection of taxes against delinquents, and not returned delinquent. This measure, proposed by Mr. Stephenson, of Bath, was also passed on its second reading.

Assessors' Bill Comes Up.
Then, the final and principal business of the day, came House bill No. 4, providing for additional compensation for land and assessors, introduced by Mr. Clement, of Pittsylvania. Mr. Johnson, of Russell, moved that it be passed by, but on suggestion from several members that they wanted it, Mr. Johnson withdrew his motion.

Mr. Johnson then offered an amendment, making the pay \$25.00 per day, instead of \$3, as proposed by the bill. The bill allowed the assessors of real estate, who will make the regular yearly assessments, from the State and \$1 year, \$2 a day from the cities and counties. Mr. Johnson's amendment was lost on the yeas and nays without division.

Measure Opposed.
Mr. Williams, of Giles, made an earnest speech against the measure in its entirety. Fully 90 per cent. of these assessors, he said, have already been appointed and have agreed to do the work for \$2 a day. It was wrong, he argued, to increase this 50 per cent. He expected, he said, to oppose any increase in salaries and the creation of new offices. "It is our duty," he said, "to curtail expenses to the best ability of the General Assembly." This sentiment met with hearty applause.

"Two years ago," said Judge Williams, "the Legislature voted \$750,000 in the State Treasury. If there is any man who can show me now whether there is a surplus or a deficit, I should like to see him."

Mr. Cox, of Richmond, called Judge Williams' attention to the fact that the bill did not propose to take the additional dollar from the State Treasury. "I know it," he replied, "but we are putting the burden upon the counties, and are increasing salaries at a time when a general policy of retrenchment is demanded."

Cost Is Great.
The last real estate assessment, that of five years ago, cost about \$80,000, said Judge Williams, and it is now proposed to make it cost \$120,000. He closed his speech amid general applause.

Mr. Clement, the bill's patron, evidently did not think much of the argument, for his sole reply was a quotation from Job: "Should a wise man utter vain knowledge, and should he reason with an unprofitable talk, or with speeches wherewith he can do no good?" Mr. Clement found out a few moments later that Judge Williams had done some good with his talk, or at least had made some votes.

Mr. West, of Bedford, thought the principle of increase of salaries was right, but said that this Legislature is not the place to do it. The Boards of Supervisors, he said, should be the ones to take action.

An amendment was then offered by Mr. Stebbins, of Halifax, which was finally adopted. It made the compensation \$2 per day, and allowed Boards of Supervisors to increase this amount up to not more than \$1 extra per day.

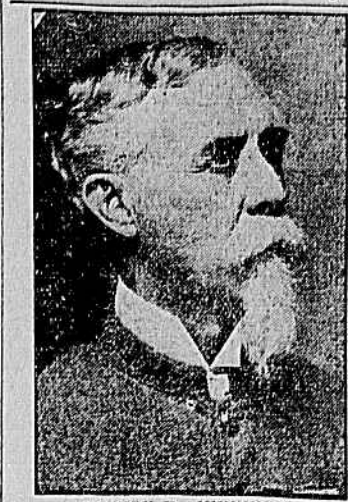
Mr. Johnson, of Lynchburg, said he thought this was the law at present.

In a work which aims to secure greater income from taxes, contended Mr. Cook, of Norfolk, \$3 per day is not too much, he said, for the high better men could be had for the high pay, and when his attention was called to the fact that most of the assessors have already been appointed, he said that they would do better work.

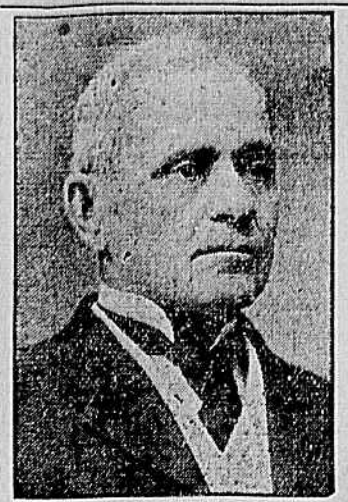
Mr. Pitts, of Albemarle, said that the assessors have not yet been appointed in his county, and that it had been found hard to get competent men for \$2.

People Anxious for Jobs.
"I hope the pay will not be increased," said Mr. Parr, of Rock. "In my

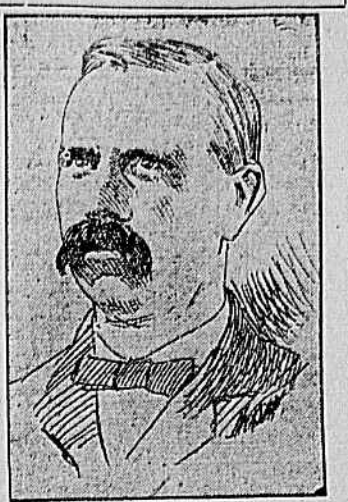
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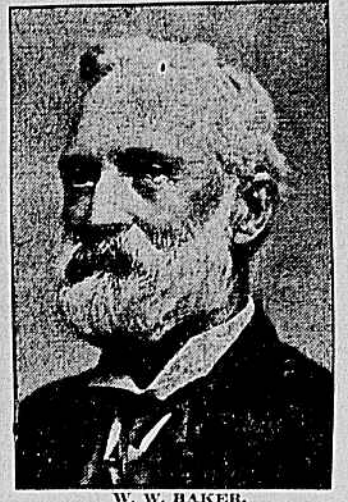
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section the people ran over each other to get the work at \$2."

Mr. Williams, of Giles made another speech, in which he tackled the subject of increase in salaries generally, and the House abolishing "these school inspectors." The measure went to the Senate, he said, where the women representing "the Ogdens movement and every other kind of movement," pleaded that the Legislature would not take away the only supervision the schools have. The bill was accordingly defeated.

Then the State Board of Education, he said, sent all over the State and got increases in the salaries of every possible division school superintendent from the counties. The deal was to get better men, and then, he asserted, the State Board reapportioned 58 per cent. of the old superintendents. In his opinion, he said, little or no practical good had resulted. "It is time," he said, "to call a halt and see where we stand." To again received much applause when he took his seat.

Mr. Tallaferra, of Orange, protested against the increase. "We have been warned both by the Governor and the Speaker," he said, "of financial conditions, yet now, on the first day of actual work, we are asked to raise salaries."

Why They Want It.

In reply to a question by Mr. Harwood, of Richmond, as to how an assessor could afford to do the work, providing a horse and paying for his and the horse's board, Mr. Tallaferra said that everybody was glad to see them, to feed them and their horses, and to give them a drink.

"Perhaps," commented Colonel Harwood, "that is why they fell over themselves to get appointed."

Mr. Cox, of Richmond, here took the chair in the temporary absence of the Speaker.

In his maiden speech on the floor, Mr. West, of Nansemond, said that the Legislature must not go too far with the policy of retrenchment and reform. It might be necessary to provide an increase, he said, to get proper service.

The increased cost of living was the argument of Mr. Yarrell, of Greensville, in favor of the original bill. He declared that in those counties which have made advances during the past five years, \$2 will not go as far as \$1 went at that time. He received a round of applause. Incidentally, he said, he favored the real estate assessment every year.

Mr. Adams, of Charlotte, in a few words, said he favored the Stebbins amendment.

Mr. Parr, speaking again, inquired how better men can be secured when the assessors have already been appointed.

Constitutional Point.

Mr. Throckmorton, of Henrico, raised the point of constitutionality in raising the pay.

The patron, Mr. Clement, said that all salaries had not been raised with the assessors, and that the General Assembly had merely overlooked this particular case.

Brief remarks were made by Mr. West, of Bedford, and Mr. Page, of Hanover.

In the opinion of Mr. McRae, of Cumberland, it was a question whether the assessors were to preserve their dignity and self-respect or were to travel through the country like hoboes.

At this point, the oratory appearing to be nearly exhausted, Mr. Jennings moved the previous question, which was carried.

The amendment was then put as offered by Mr. Stebbins. The yeas and nays appeared nearly equal, and a division was demanded. On the count there were 47 yeas and 51 nays. The

amendment was defeated.

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Senate Bills

By Mr. Eliam: A bill to amend and re-enact section 562 of the Code of Virginia.

By Mr. Leamer: A bill to authorize any county which shall alone constitute a judicial circuit to increase the salary of the circuit judge.

By Mr. Holland: A bill to amend and re-enact section 445 of the Code of Virginia.

By Mr. Holland: A bill to provide for the organization and government of incorporated communities which shall become cities of the second class under the provisions of section 100-B of the Code of Virginia.

By Mr. Holland: A bill to amend section 18 of the charter of the town of Suffolk.

By Mr. Holland: A bill to authorize the Council of the town of Suffolk to borrow money and issue bonds therefor.

By Mr. Dayle: A bill amending and re-enacting section 148 of the Code of Virginia, March 14, 1908, amending and re-enacting section 541 of the Code of Virginia, existing annual salaries of Commonwealth attorneys, clerks and sheriffs of respective counties.

By Mr. Gayle: A bill releasing all taxes and levies and the liens thereon on real estate due the Commonwealth and the several counties and cities of the Commonwealth, accrued on real estate prior to the 1st day of January, 1909.

By Mr. Ward: A bill to amend and re-enact section 9 of an act entitled an act to provide for the improvement of public roads and keeping the same in repair, and provide for erecting and maintaining bridges in the county of Culpeper.

By Mr. Strode: A bill to establish the Virginia State College for Women.

By Mr. Strode: A bill to amend and re-enact section 12 of an act, approved March 11, 1908, entitled an act to provide a retirement fund for public school teachers, and to make a false bill.

By Mr. King: A bill to provide for the assessment and collection of a tax on incomes of salaries and emoluments, and to provide a list of such persons to the Auditor of Public Accounts, and providing a penalty for failure to furnish such list.

By Mr. King: A bill to amend an act entitled an act to define and regulate the sale, distribution, bottling, manufacturing and distilling of intoxicating liquors and malt beverages, and to impose license taxes thereon.

By Mr. King: A bill to amend an act, approved April 11, 1902, entitled an act to provide for the support of the city of Richmond, and to pay the interest on the public debt, and to provide a special tax for pensions and allowances.

By Mr. Strode: A bill to establish State schools for Virginia students in certain of the educational institutions of the State.

By Mr. Strode: A bill to amend and re-enact section 148 of the Code of Virginia, as heretofore amended, in relation to public free schools for counties and the literary fund.

By Mr. Hart: A bill to amend and re-enact section 90 of an act, approved March 22, 1908, entitled an act to provide a new charter for the city of Norfolk, in relation to justices of the peace in said city.

By Mr. Hart: A bill to amend and re-enact section 326-A of the Code of Virginia, in relation to the enumeration of the inhabitants of the city of Roanoke.

By Mr. Hart: A bill to establish a court of law and chancery for the city of Roanoke.

By Mr. Hart: A bill to amend and re-enact section 135 of an act, entitled an act to amend and re-enact title 5 of the Code of Virginia in relation to salaries, mileage and other allowances.

By Mr. West: A bill imposing a license tax on hunters in Virginia.

By Mr. Johnston, of Montgomery: A bill to amend and re-enact section 122 of the Code of Virginia, as heretofore amended.

By Mr. Wingo: A bill to provide for the erection of a suitable building upon the grounds of the State Penitentiary to be used as a mess hall for the better care and more comfortable feeding of the convicts confined in said penitentiary.

By Mr. Johnston: A bill to amend and re-enact section 148 of the Code of Virginia, as heretofore amended, in relation to public free schools and to pay the interest on the public debt, and to provide a special tax for pensions.

To Committee on Schools and Colleges.
By Mr. Adams: A bill to amend and re-enact section 146 of the Code of Virginia, as heretofore amended, in relation to public free schools for counties and the literary fund.

To Special Joint Committee on Special, Private and Local Legislation.
By Mr. Price: A bill to authorize the Board of Supervisors of Fauquier county to allow and pay W. D. Coates compensation for losses and damages sustained by him by

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By Mr. White: A bill to amend and re-enact section 273 of the Code of Virginia, 1887.

To Committee on Militia and Police.
By Mr. Cox: A bill to codify the laws in relation to the militia in the State of Virginia.

By Mr. Cox: A bill to amend and re-enact section 277 of the Code of Virginia, 1887, in reference to the Military Band.

By Mr. Cox: A bill to amend and re-enact section 278 of the Code of Virginia, 1887, as heretofore amended, and to provide for the purchase and care of a permanent camp ground, approved February 28, 1908, so as to specify in a certain respect how the militia fund shall be expended.

By Mr. White: A bill to amend an act relating to demurrers to evidence.

By Mr. West, of Nansemond: A bill to amend and re-enact an act, approved December 10, 1903, entitled an act to amend and re-enact section 491 of the Code of Virginia, 1887.

By Mr. White: A bill to amend and re-enact section 491 of the Code of Virginia, 1887, in relation to petition for writ of error or supersedeas, when prohibited, as amended by act approved January 14, 1888.

By Mr. Stephenson: A bill to amend and re-enact section 373 of the Code of Virginia in relation to keeping open clerks' office on certain days, records, etc., open to inspection and copies authorized.

By Mr. White: A bill to amend and re-enact section 401 of the Code of Virginia, 1887, in regard to summoning jurors from some other county or corporation.

By Mr. White: A bill to amend and re-enact an act, entitled an act to authorize the court in which he is tried to sentence certain prisoners to labor on the public roads instead of confinement in the penitentiary for the commission of felony, approved February 23, 1908, as amended by an act approved February 3, 1909, which is chapter 23 of the Acts of the session of 1909.

By Mr. White: A bill to amend and re-enact section 49 of the Code of Virginia, 1887.

general law. To cover the point, Judge Yarrell, of Greensville, has prepared and introduced a bill allowing the Board of Supervisors of any county to use money for the purpose of building a statue to build such a monument upon the court square or green or at any other point in the county seat.

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